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## Leigh Ramage named Citizen of the Year

Guyra Citizen of the Year Leigh Ramage with fellow nominees David Kanaley, Gladys Wilson, Trevor Tarrant and Ambassador David Bitton



The Guyra Australia Day Awards were held on January 25th, with a strong turnout reflecting the community's pride and appreciation for local service and achievement.

The highlight of the ceremony was the announcement of 2026 Guyra Citizen of the Year,

awarded to Leigh Ramage in recognition of more than 60 years of dedicated service to sporting and community organisations across the Guyra district.

In acknowledging the award Leigh said she was overwhelmed by the honour.

"When I look back on over 60

years of service in our community, it gives me time to reflect and brings back lots of memories of very, very good friends I have made over the years in this little town," she said.

"The support I have received has been outstanding. I cannot believe this has happened."

Also nominated in this category were Gladys Wilson, Trevor Tarrant and David Kanaley.

Guyra Young Citizen of the Year was awarded to Fletcher Richardson, recognising his outstanding achievements and commitment both on and off the sporting field.

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Hernani, NSW

### Wilmot Field Day

Family farms are leading the shift toward more resilient agriculture. At Wilmot Field Day, producers, researchers and industry leaders come together to share the practices and ideas strengthening landscapes and rural livelihoods across Australia.

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# 2026 Australia Day Awards - all the winners

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Fletcher has proudly represented Guyra and Australia overseas in shooting and has achieved success at local, state, national and international levels in his chosen sport. He is an active member of the Guyra Gun Club and is well known in the community for his willingness to help wherever needed, including volunteering at the Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival.

He was described as an outstanding young man who will help anyone out and who represents the future of the Guyra community.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Sam Coupland said the Guyra Australia Day Awards were a highlight on the annual calendar.

"The Guyra Australia Day Awards are special and something I truly look forward to," Mayor Coupland said.

"They are a fitting way to acknowledge those who have done so much and gone above and beyond to make Guyra a wonderful place to live."

Mayor Coupland also spoke about the importance of Australia Day as a time for pride and reflection.

"We need opportunities to show

we are proud of what it means to be Australian. We need to celebrate everything that is good about this country and this region."

Australia Day Ambassador David Bitton shared a personal reflection on the meaning of the day.

"Australia means different things to different people. For me, it is a day to reflect, to discern and to be thankful," he said.

"I am French by birth, but Australian by choice."

Mr Bitton said giving back to the community had always been a core value for him and his family.

He said Australia Day was about shared stories and collective purpose.

"Australia Day is not about one story - it's about many stories and people, all working together for a shared future. I am deeply grateful for the life I live in this country, a life rich in purpose, community and connection."

The Guyra Australia Day Awards are organised by a local committee headed by Rita Williams. Mayor Coupland acknowledged their work in ensuring the celebration continues to reflect the true spirit of the Guyra community.



Guyra Young Citizen of the Year Fletcher Richardson with Australia Day Ambassador David Bitton

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTREACH SUPPORT OFFICER

### Permanent Part-Time – 0.8 PTE (30.4 hrs/week) - New England Community College (NECC)

New England Community College (GALA) is seeking a motivated and community-minded person to join our team as a Community Engagement Outreach Support Officer.

The role supports disadvantaged and vulnerable learners across the region by promoting Adult and Community Education (ACE) and Foundation Skills programs, strengthening referral pathways, and engaging with local community groups, services, and organisations. Regular travel throughout the New England region is required, and applicants must have access to a reliable, roadworthy vehicle.

#### Key duties include:

- Attending community events, expos, and interagency meetings.
- Building culturally respectful relationships with local communities.
- Promoting learning opportunities to disadvantaged groups.

- Developing and maintaining partnerships and referral pathways.
- Recording outreach activities and completing required reports.
- Supporting culturally safe learning approaches.

#### Essential criteria:

- Experience in community engagement, outreach, or partnerships.
- Strong communication and organisational skills.
- Cultural competence, including working respectfully with Aboriginal and CALD communities.
- Ability to work independently and manage competing priorities.
- Digital literacy (email, Microsoft Office, reporting systems).
- Strong written communication skills.
- Current Working With Children Check and driver's licence.

- Access to a reliable, roadworthy vehicle for work use.

#### Desirable:

- Knowledge of ACE or Foundation Skills programs.

Employment conditions are under the Educational Services (Post-Secondary Education) Award.

A 3-month probation period applies.

Travel expenses are reimbursed in accordance with organisational policy.

#### How to Apply:

Please submit a resume and cover letter addressing the selection criteria to:

**Kelso Looker, Executive Officer**  
**kelso@gala.org.au**

For a detailed Position Description, please visit: [www.gala.org.au](http://www.gala.org.au)

**Applications close:**  
**COB 30 January 2026**



# 2026 Australia Day Awards - all the winners



Art, Culture and Music Anne Starr (CWA Evening Branch), Emma Vidler (Guyra's Got Talent) , Cr Susan McMichael and Aria Vidler (front)

As well as Citizen of the Year, further awards were handed out at the Australia dinner, recognising individuals and groups who have made significant contributions to the local community.

Two groups were recognised in the Guyra Environmental Citizen, Group or Organisation of the Year Award. The Guyra Rotary Club – Scout Hall Project. The renovation and upgrade of the Hall was the biggest single project ever undertaken by the Rotary Club of Guyra.

Guyra Pre-School and Long Daycare Centre welcomed Willow, the Australian leaf insect (*Walaphyllium Monteithi*) enriching the children's understanding of their environment and importance of living sustainably.

Guyra's Community Event of the Year was taken out by the Guyra Junior Rugby League's Charity Day Fundraiser for VRA and Dolly's Dream. The initiative led by GJRL was a heartfelt show of appreciation to the VRA and a commitment to raising awareness around anti-bullying through the Dolly's Dream Foundation.

Also nominated in this category

were ADRA's Biggest Morning Tea and Guyra Show Society's 2025 Guyra Show

Guyra Art, Drama Culture or Music Award went to the Guyra's Got Talent Fundraiser which was organised by Emma Vidler to raise funds for cancer research after her own family's journey with cancer. Also nominated was the Guyra CWA Evening Branch Art Show.

Guyra Community Service Award was awarded to Guyra CWA Day Branch. For 93 years Guyra CWA Day Branch members have worked for a betterment of the Guyra Community, making them to oldest Service Club in Guyra. They have generously supported many local appeals such as the TB screening unit, Life Education Van, the Mammography Van, Guyra swimming pool, Kolora homes and local schools. They have also supported the State CWA projects and have lobbied Federal and State government on many contentious issues.

Also nominated was Burgess Garage Car Museum and Vu Nguyen from Guyra Pharmacy.



Community Service Brian Macdonald (Burgess Garage) Leonie Cox (CWA Day Branch) Cr Eli Imad.



Environmental Group or Citizen (l to r) Lincoln Brown (MC), Felicity Williams (Preschool), Wendy Mulligan (Rotary) David Bitton (Ambassador)



Community Event of the Year (l to r): Coleen Pearson (Show Society) Gina Lockyer (GJRL Dolly's Dream day), ARC General Manager James Roncon and Sarah Harding (ADRA)



## What's HOT

Cemetery being beautifully maintained – much appreciated by visitors over the holidays

Show and Shine just keeps getting better - great to see so many people in town

Congratulations to all our Australia Day winners and nominees

## What's NOT

A week of hot weather predicted - stay cool if you can

## JOKE of the week

What do you call a dog on the beach in the summer?

A hot dog!

### Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

#### Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
20	Tues	7.5	21.2	0
21	Wed	7.6	24.1	0
22	Thurs	9.0	28.3	0
23	Fri	12.4	26.3	0
24	Sat	11.6	30.2	0
25	Sun	13.8	32.2	0
26	Mon	14.3	35.3	0

Rain this week	0.0mm
Jan. rainfall	67.0mm
Rainfall YTD	67.0mm
Rainfall last YTD	124.6mm
Ave. rain YTD	119.2mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,  
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# New bus service connecting Northern Tablelands towns

A proposed new bus service is hoping to fill transport needs for local residents, with the Northern Express officially opening bookings for a Glen Innes to Armidale return bus service, which includes a scheduled stop in Guyra.

Anthony Wright from Glen Innes is behind the new service, which he is hoping will prove viable. While he had hoped to begin services this week, the lack of bookings meant the service could not run. He hopes that once word gets and bookings start to come in that the service will be able to operate on a regular basis.

His vision was born out of a growing community need for reliable and accessible transport services to surrounding towns in the Northern Tablelands.

"We recognised the importance of enabling residents to enjoy improved shopping opportunities, seamless connections to airports and interstate bus companies, and convenient access to specialist services," he said.

"At Northern express we are committed to delivering safe, comfortable, and dependable



travel experiences. We take great pride in knowing that our services not only meet a vital community need but also strengthen social and economic connections across the region."

The Glen Innes to Armidale service is scheduled to operate on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Timetables, fares and online bookings are now available through the Northern Express website.

Southbound services are scheduled to leave Guyra at 8.24 am and 1.12pm, with stops at the

Armidale visitors Centre and Armidale Airport. North bound services are proposed to depart Armidale at 9.50am and 2.25pm.

Additional services are already in the pipeline, including a proposed cross-border connection linking into the Crisps Coaches timetable from Stanthorpe to Brisbane return, which is currently awaiting Queensland Government approval.

To book or find out more visit [nothernexpress.com.au](http://nothernexpress.com.au) or phone 0493 504 985.

## Man charged over domestic violence offence after police operation - Black Mountain

A man has been charged over multiple domestic violence offences in the state's west today.

In April 2025, officers attached to Western Region High Risk Domestic Violence Team commenced an investigation following reports of a domestic violence incident in the Armidale area.

Police were told between September 2023 and January 2026, two women – aged 36 and 34 – were assaulted multiple times by a man known to them.

Police established multiple crime scenes and commenced an investigation into the incidents.

Following extensive inquiries, on Thursday 22 January 2026, officers from Western Region High Risk Domestic Violence Team, with the assistance from New England Police District, Western

Region Operations Group, Police Transport Command, arrested a 35-year-old man at a home on Black Mountain Road, Black Mountain.

He was taken to Armidale Police Station where he was charged with seven outstanding warrants on contravene prohibition/restriction in AVO (Domestic), breach of bail, aggravated break and enter

commit serious indictable offence, attempt stalk/intimidate intend fear of harm (domestic), intentionally choke etc person without consent (DV), assault occasioning actual bodily harm (DV), larceny value less than or equal to \$2000, two counts of common assault (DV), destroy or damage property (DV), and possess or use a prohibited weapon without permit.

## Westpac Helicopter called to Llangothlin accident

Around 11.30am, on Wednesday 21 January, a Westpac Rescue Helicopter was tasked by NSW Ambulance to a motorcycle accident on a property at Llangothlin, north of Guyra.

A man in his 20s was treated by NSW Ambulance paramedics and the helicopter's critical care medical team for multiple injuries before being transported to Lismore Base Hospital.

# Organic clothing business puts down local roots

A passion for sustainability, quality craftsmanship and a slower pace of life has brought Italian-born designers Stefano and Sandro Palotta to Guyra, where they are now proudly producing organic, made-to-order clothing right in the heart of town.

Owners of The Organic T Shirt, the couple originally operated their business in Sydney before deciding city life was no longer what they wanted. With Sydney becoming increasingly busy and crowded, they began searching for a place that offered a better lifestyle.

That search took an unexpected turn when they came across a house for sale in Guyra.

"We had never heard of Guyra before," they said. "But we came to have a look and instantly fell in love - not just with the house, but with the town itself."

After relocating, Stefano and Sandro were keen to continue their existing clothing business. While they were unable to find suitable premises in Guyra initially, they set up in nearby Glen Innes, operating a factory-based business for three and a half years.

They have now converted what was once a butcher shop at 145 Bradley Street into a retail and production space in Guyra, something they had always dreamed of.

The Organic T Shirt produces a wide range of clothing, not just T-shirts. They use organic Good Earth cotton and natural merino wool. All garments are made on site, measured precisely to minimise waste, with leftover materials reused wherever possible.

Sustainability is central to every-



Stefania and Sandro Palotta have opened the doors of The Organic T Shirt at 145 Bradley Street

thing they do. Clothing is made to order, avoiding excess stock and landfill, with turnaround times as quick as a few hours. Customers can order made-to-measure garments, customise designs, recreate favourite styles, or even have items repaired, with services such as hemming and alterations also available.

The business also offers in-store personalised printing, supported by newly installed equipment and they are transitioning to making their own labels in store. Instead of simply "Made in Australia" they will proudly display "Made in Guyra, NSW 2365", a move they say is important in promoting the town they've grown to love.

"Our fabric is produced in Mel-

bourne, and all labour happens right here in Guyra," they said. "That's something we're really proud of."

Sandro brings extensive industry experience, having worked for major companies in Sydney. From the beginning, the couple's ethos has been to create high-quality garments that last, countering the fast-fashion model of mass-produced clothing made overseas, often with poor fabric quality and exploited labour.

The Organic T Shirt operates an online store servicing customers across Australia and New Zealand, with plans to expand into Europe in the future. Interest has already come from the UK, Italy and Sweden, and they believe there is strong potential, particularly in Italy, where Australian

merino wool is highly regarded.

While the shop has only been open for a few weeks, response from locals and visitors has been very positive. Some confusion remains due to old butcher signage still visible, but word is spreading quickly, with residents and tourists alike popping in to take a look.

With reliable internet allowing them to operate from anywhere, Stefano and Sandro say Guyra offers exactly what they were searching for. A slower pace of life, strong community and the freedom to create meaningful, sustainable work.

"It's slower," they said, "but in a good way and we are loving being here."



## Black Mountain Public School Enrolling Now for Kindergarten 2026

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### Transition Program

Our Transition to Kindergarten Program runs every Thursday, throughout the school year. This program is highly effective in preparing children for Kindergarten.

**To enquire about enrolling your child,  
please contact the school on 6775 0192**

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## Meals on Wheels

Jan 29 Sue Adams  
Jan 30 Steve Adams  
Feb 2 Narelle Leven  
Feb 3 Kath & Warwick Leven  
Feb 4 Bob Furze

## Street Stalls

Feb 5 Hospital Aux.  
Feb 12, 13 Freemasons

## Church Notices

**St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church** Vigil Mass 6pm Saturday 9am Sunday. Weekday Mass Monday – Friday 9am. **Contact:** 6779 1036

### St. James' Anglican Church

9am Sunday, followed by morning tea. Doors open from 8:30am. All welcome!

**Contact:** Rev. Tim Stevens 6779 1111  
**Anglican Chaplain:** Rev. Daniel Hayes (0428 828 852)

### St. Columba's Presbyterian Church

9am Sunday followed by morning tea. **Contact:** Session Clerk Howard Schaeffer 0267791067

**The Chapel:** 66 Llangothin Street: Sunday Service: 10am

Food Pantry Fridays 9am -12pm

**Contact:** Pastors Linden & Kerrie Pollard 0455 232 073.

### Seventh-day Adventist Church:

Aboomala Street. Sabbath School 10.00am Saturday Divine Service 11.30am Saturday. **Contact:** Minister Luke Reeves 0410 761 320 Church Clerk 6779 1587

### Uniting Church:

57 Ollera Street: Regular Sunday Service: 9.30am **Contact:** Di Burey 0428 791 742

### Church of Freedom

(Cnr. Boorolong & Nincoola Sts.) Sunday worship: 10am Prayer meeting: Tuesday 6.30pm Bible discussion: Wednesday 6.30pm **Pastors:** Jeff & Sharon Ritchie 0421 847 973 Chaplaincy services: Dan McGinty 0409 399 270

### Black Mountain Baptist Church

Service 3pm, second Sunday of the month. Next Service, Sunday Feb 8. **Contact:** Robert Dewhurst Armidale District Baptist Church 0409 723 522

## Service Clubs

**LIONS CLUB** 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at Guyra Bowling Club, 7pm. Ph: Geoff Reeves 6779 1257

**ROTARY CLUB** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 6pm at The Blind Chef Ph: Hans Hietbrink 0402 044 891

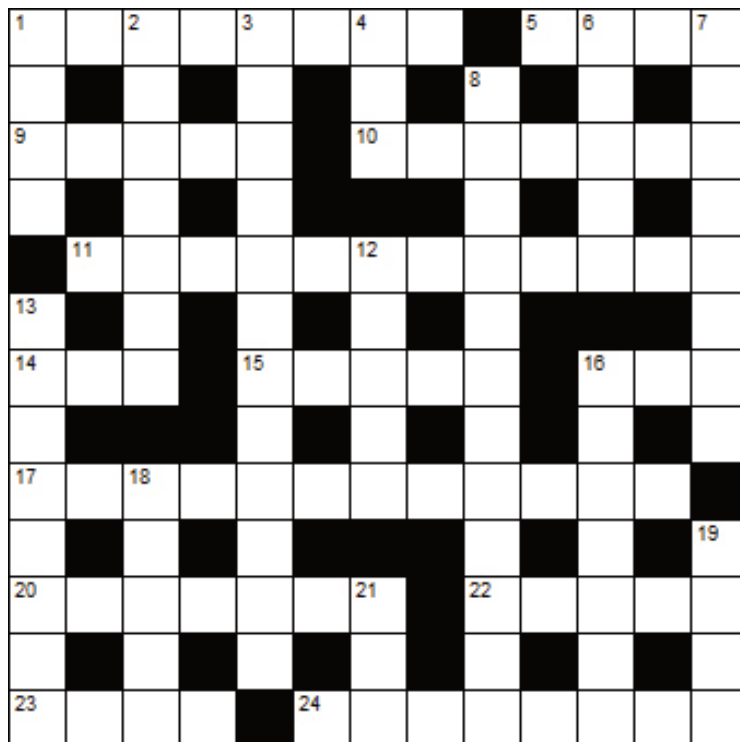
## ACROSS

- 1 Ability to produce a desired result (8)
- 5 Molten matter (4)
- 9 Angry dispute (3-2)
- 10 Writ for an arrest (7)
- 11 Someone skilled in penmanship (12)
- 14 Attempt to do (3)
- 15 Intended (5)
- 16 Man's best friend (3)
- 17 Minimum purchase cost at auction (7,5)
- 20 Found (7)
- 22 Shadow (5)
- 23 Run quickly (4)
- 24 Places of refuge (8)

## DOWN

- 1 Book of the Bible (4)
- 2 Fanciful daydream (7)
- 3 Bring together into a mass (12)
- 4 Domestic bovine animal (3)
- 6 Covered with water (5)
- 7 Secondary personality (5,3)
- 8 Productive insight (12)
- 12 Eat grass (5)
- 13 Surprised (8)

## QUICK CROSSWORD



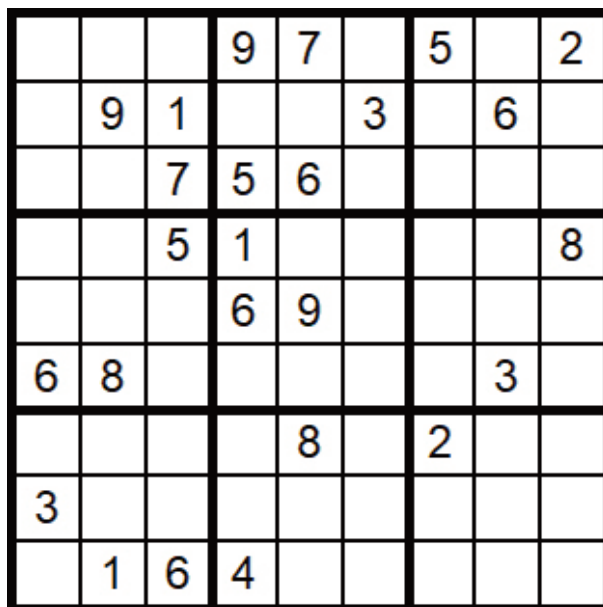
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18 Large bags (5)

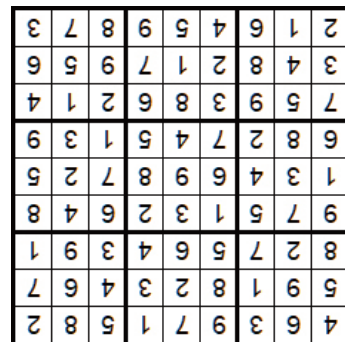
19 Routes; methods (4)

21 Pair of performers (3)

## SUDOKU - Medium



ACROSS: 1 Efficiency 5 Lava 9 Run in 10 Warrant 11 Calligrapher 14 Try 15 Meant 16 Dog 17 Reserve price 20 Lo-cated 22 Umbra 23 Dash 24 Foxholes  
DOWN: 1 Ezra 2 Fantasy 3 Conglomerate 4 Cow 6 Awash 7 After ego 8 Break-through 12 Graze 13 Startled 16 Decibel 18 Sacks 19 Ways 21 Duo



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# Rehydrating Your Farm Landscape

**Field Day: 19 Feb 2026**  
**Bootcamp: 18-19 March 2026**  
**Mentoring: March to June 2026**  
**Boots on Ground: 14 May 2026**

## How to catch water and restore landscapes on your property

Learn how to apply simple strategies to improve productivity and drought resilience, optimise water cycling and restore landscape function.

**Armidale Regional Council, Uralla Shire Council, Southern New England Landcare** and **Mulloon Institute** invite you to join us for some, or all stages of the program, to restore a functional hydrology to your landscape.

### Field Day: 19 February 2026

Introduction to Landscape Rehydration. Learn practical approaches to restoring degraded land through water cycling.

### Bootcamp: 18-19 March 2026

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### Online Mentoring: March to June 2026

For graduates of the Bootcamp. Undertake 6 one-on-one mentoring sessions with hydrology expert to support you in your farm project.

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Visit a property to see how projects are made achievable and effective. Share a meal, help build and learn practical skills while having fun

**Mulloon Institute** is a leading research and education organisation helping to build resilient regional communities by supporting the long-term, sustainable growth of Australian agriculture.

## Presenters



Sharni Pike  
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Landscape Planner  
Mulloon Institute



Penny Cooper  
Landscape Planner  
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## Out & About Lamb and Potato Festival



## Rural Market Reports

### Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale

**January 20th** - A total of 2,684 lambs were yarded, with competition strong throughout the sale.

Heavy XB lambs sold to a top of \$300, averaging \$190, while Dorper lambs reached a top of \$320 and averaging \$240.

Merino lambs topped at \$200 with an average of \$132, and XB suckers reached \$210, averaging \$210.

The sheep offering totalled 1,908 head. Heavy XB sheep sold to a top of \$243, averaging \$198, while Merino ewes reached \$195, averaging \$172.

Merino wethers topped at \$200 with an average of \$179, and XB hoggets sold to \$240, averaging \$161.

Sales are being held weekly.

### Armidale Cattle Sale

**January 22nd** - Armidale penned 1390 mixed quality cattle 726 less than last sale. A major cow buyer not operating other regular buyers attended and competed to varied trends but not as strong as last week.

Weaner steers and heifers under 200kgs to the paddock 490c/kg and 521c/kg respectively. Light yearling steers to background 370c to 455c/kg similar feeders 396c to 480c/kg. Medium feeders 422c to 520c/kg and feeders to 480kgs 464c to 480c/kg. Similar weight processors selling to 412c/kg.

Yearling heifers to 280kgs 385c to 416c/kg. Medium feeder heifers 400c to 422c/kg and similar backgrounders 375c to 418c/kg. Processors in that bracket sold 392c to 410c/kg. The heifers over 480kgs to process 410c to 440 c/kg. Heavy grown steers to process 499c to 436c/kg. Heavy heifers in that

category 375c to 426c/kg.

Prime heavy cows cheaper 380c to 399c/kg. Two and three score cows 354c to 373c/kg and light cows to the paddock 200c to 373c/kg. Heavy bulls 330c to 401c/kg.

*Stephen Adams MLA*

### Weekly Wool Market

**January 23** - The magnitude of last week's rise in the market created a little bit of nervousness before the commencement of this week sales. Instead of pausing or even giving up some of last week's gains the market continued to push higher.

In the Northern region the market gained 34 cents on Tuesdays opening followed up with a further 10 cents on Wednesday. Signs that the booming start to 2026 was slowing down emerged on the final day of sales with small downward movements in various micron categories recorded across the

different selling regions but not enough to offset an overall general positive day.

42,769 bales were sold nationally for the week with once again a low passed in rate of just 1.7%. Major buyers included Techwool, Sequoia and Endeavour.

The positive start to the year has pushed next week's national offering up to 5,000 bales higher than early figures suggested to just under an expected 44,000 bales. Looking at charts, the Eastern market indicator is travelling a similar pattern seen for now the 6th time in the past 25 years.

The average bottom to top cycle the previous 5 breakouts is a 70% increase in price. This current cycle is now at 55% after beginning at a low of 1087 back in September 2024. We have closed the week at the highest broad based indicators since July 2019.

*Schute Bell Wool*



# 2026 Festival the best since COVID



Early figures suggest the 2026 Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival recorded its biggest attendance since COVID, marking another successful year for the much-loved community event.

Weather conditions were mostly kind, although storms on the first weekend caused a phone outage. Guyra VRA came to the rescue installing Starlink at the gazebo to maintain connectivity, however the disruption did impact some stallholders for an extended period.

The music program was well re-

ceived, with strong crowds enjoying a range of quality performances alongside the festival's food offerings.

The Show and Shine was another major success, attracting around 160 vehicles which is believed to be the largest number of cars the festival has hosted. Proceeds of just over \$2,000 from this event were raised in support of BackTrack.

The festival has now operated for 40 years as a volunteer organised event which is an outstanding achievement for a small regional festival.

## ACCOUNTS & COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

**Permanent Part-Time (0.6 FTE / 22.5 hrs per week)**

**Guyra Adult Learning Association Inc – Guyra / Armidale Region**

The Guyra Adult Learning Association Inc (GALA) is seeking a motivated and organised Accounts & Communications Officer to support our finance, marketing and administrative operations across the region.

This varied role suits someone who enjoys working in a community-focused environment and can confidently balance accounts administration with communications, marketing and general office duties.

### Key responsibilities include:

- Accounts payable/receivable, invoicing and bank reconciliations (Reckon)
- Supporting budgets, reporting and audit-ready financial records
- Managing social media, promotions and community communications
- Designing flyers, posters and the Semester Course Guide
- General office administration and customer enquiries

- A dedicated half-day each Monday supporting the Guyra Gazette

### Essential skills and experience:

- Experience in accounts administration and reconciliations
- Strong communication and organisational skills
- Confidence using social media and basic design tools
- High attention to detail and ability to work independently
- Driver's licence and own vehicle

### Desirable:

- Experience in community, education or RTO environments
- Skills in Canva, InDesign or similar design software

This is a permanent part-time position under the Educational Services (Post-Secondary Education) Award.

**Applications close:** COB 30 January 2026

**Applications and enquiries:** [kelso@gala.org.au](mailto:kelso@gala.org.au)

**Full Position Description:** [www.gala.org.au](http://www.gala.org.au)





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## DANCE CLASSES

**SALSA DANCE CLASSES** starting on 8th February, 4pm at Rotary Hall. Call Kristy 0421 285 316

## POULTRY FOR SALE

**LAYER PULLETS**, 20 weeks, Isa & all breeds, delivered to Guyra on Friday, 13th February. Call Jim 0428 194 105.

## MEETING NOTICES

**GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY** meeting tonight Wednesday, 28th January, 7pm at the Secretary's office Guyra Showground

## MEETING ROOM FOR HIRE

### Conference/Meeting Room available for hire

- Reasonable rates
- Zoom meetings arranged
- Smart Board or Data Projector
- Catering arranged on request
- Air conditioned

*For your function or meeting*  
**Contact: The GALA Centre**  
 136 Bradley Street, Guyra  
 Ph: 6779 2132  
 E: admin@gala.org.au

## COURSES AT NECC

### First Aid

Sunday, 15th February

### Chemical Course (Full & Refresher)

Wednesday, 11th March

### Accidental Counsellor Workshop

*A one-day, evidence based workshop accredited by Suicide Prevention Australia*  
 Wed. 13th May - Armidale  
 Thurs. 14th May - Guyra  
 Fri. 15th May - Glen Innes

**Bookings essential at**  
**New England Community College**

(RTO#90145)

**Phone: 6779 2132**  
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## GUYRA SHOW

The Guyra Show will be holding a **Demolition Derby** on **Saturday 21st February at 9pm.**

Entries for the **Photography Section** will close on **Wednesday 11th February.**  
 Entries can be left at GALA or posted to PO Box 37, Guyra 2365

**Guyra Show Schedules** are available at the GALA Centre.  
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# 2026 Australia Day Sports Awards



**Contribution to Sport (l to r):**  
Gina Lockyer, Cr Eli Imad and Ashley Holt

## Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies played a Par Medal. A field of 13 played in perfect sunny weather. The winner was Jenni Jackson. Jenni won on a countback from Wendy George. Kerry Bull won 3 of the nearest the pins. Wendy Jackson won the nearest the pin on the 18th hole.

This week is a Graham Betts Round. Next week is the 1st Golf NSW Medal Round with a stroke and putting competition.

*Birdie*

## Vets Golf

Last Tuesday saw our 4BBB Stableford event and a brilliant score of 49 points was scored by Wayne Archibald and Robert Moore to record the win. Coming in second on a three way countback was Ian Taylor and Paul Redden for the runner up prize. NTPs went to Phil Devlin, Mick Jackson and Greg Constantine. 21 players was a great field for our Tuesday golf members. Next week is our stroke event.

*Drake*

## Men's Bowls

Matches set down for Saturday, January 31st. The Final Club Pairs will see S. Campbell and R. Cox take on R. Moore and P. Johnson.

In the Major/Minor Pairs, C. Stanley and G. Mitchell will face A. Bull and J. Varco.

Members are advised there will be a bowls meeting on Sunday, February 1st at 10.00am. The meeting will be held to elect new pennant selectors and the match

committee, and will also include presentations. All members are encouraged to attend.

The pennant season will commence on 17 February.

The Sole family would also like to sincerely thank everyone who helped make the Steven Sole Memorial Fours a great success. Your support and assistance were very much appreciated.

*D Wilcox*

## Sunday Golf

We have a very busy couple of months coming up for golf. This weekend is a club 4bbb stableford event. Then on the 8th of February is the mixed 4bbb championships.

The 15th of February is the final round of the Shire Cup with 14 individual matchplay matches to be played. Then the following weekend, 21st and 22nd of February are the first two rounds of the men's championships.

On Friday the 13th of February will be the Golf Presentation held at the Guyra Bowling Club.

The cost will be \$35 this includes a roast dinner and the chance to win a free golf membership for the upcoming season.

Awards for the winners for the main competitions of the past year and also the midweek competition to be presented on the night with entertainment provided by local talent Shane Garrett so come along for a great night.

Tickets to be purchased from the Bowling Club before the 10th of February.

**HAPPY GOLFING S.K.**

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Gina is always on the sideline supporting all Guyra Junior League players, coaches, first aid officers and water runners.

Also nominated was Ashley Holt for many years of service to Guyra Soccer as a coach, committee member and for his voluntary contribution.

Guyra Sportsperson of the year was Ashleigh Richardson

Ashleigh has had a very successful year with Women's rugby. Selected in the Northern Rugby representative team Northern Lions for the Country Champion as Captain. From this Ashleigh was selected as a part of the training squad for Country Corellas and was selected to go to Alaska as part of the Pacific Nomads Rugby team to play which went through undefeated to take out the tournament. Also nominated was Fletcher Richardson for his shooting exploits.



Sportsperson of the Year Ashleigh Richardson (represented by father Jeff), Cr Susan McMichael and Fletcher Richardson

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# 2026 Australia Day Sports Awards

Guyra's sporting community was honoured at the 2025 Australia Dinner with a number of awards handed out.

Guyra Sports Team of the Year Lady Lady Golfers. In 2025 the Guyra Lady Golfers won the New England District Golf Association Pennant – last time that was achieved was in 1993. They secure their place in the final of the Southern Division of NEDGA, and in the final they played Tenterfield and won 5-0. The Guyra Lady Golfers played in golf competitions far and wide in 2025; Gunnedah to Grafton, Tenterfield to Tamworth and many places in between.

Also nominated were the Guyra Junior Rugby League Senior League Tag Team and Immediate League Tag Team who both had successful seasons and the Guyra Cricket Association side who won the T20 competition in 2025.

Gina Lockyer was recognised with the Contribution to Sport and Recreation award.



**Sports Team of the Year** (l to r) ??? (intermediate League Tag) Vicki Reeves (Ladies Golf), ARC Mayor Sam Coupland, Shelby Heagney (Senior League Tag) and Llncoln Brown (T20 Cricket)

Gina has been the President of Guyra Junior rugby League for 12 years. In this time Gina has provided the Guyra Community a

new under cover concrete grandstand at the Guyra Sporting Complex and upgraded the kitchen/canteen area. Gina is self-

less with her time for others and the club, giving everyone in our club support when needed.

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